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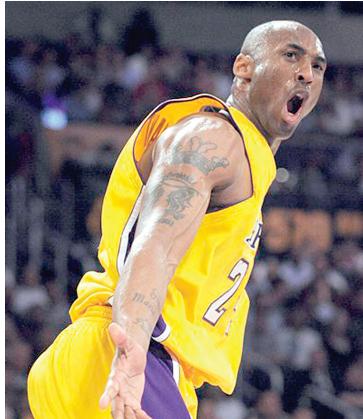


In this Feb. 13, 2008 file photo, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill, in Washington. Sources on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 said veteran GOP Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania intends to switch parties.

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SPORTS NEWS

FINE TUNED



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant yells at an official during the first half of an NBA basketball first-round playoff game against the Utah Jazz in Los Angeles, Monday, April 27, 2009. The Lakers closed out Jazz with 107-96 win.

See Sports Today



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Aruba's Best Pages Launched



PALM BEACH – Press and family members, invited guests and the team of Aruba's Best Pages helped conduct a counted-down as www.ArubaBestPages.com went live, at a press conference at Rembrandt Café, and South Beach Centre, on Monday.

After the live launch of the very

useful website a champagne toast was offered in celebration of the accomplishment. www.ArubaBestPage.com is based on the Google-Earth website and it shows every street address and every house number in Aruba, finally putting an end to 'driving around in

circles' trying to find a business or a residence location here. You are invited to visit the website on line. The website was designed to provide a free island guide, a business directory and an address finder to both locals and visitors.

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The Rotarians make generous donations



Albert Tromp representing Little League Baseball.

The Rotarians who raised the fund in the community for their special projects were pleased with the results of their year-long drive and thanked Divi Links and Windows on Aruba for their hospitality. Managing Director Alex Nieuwmeyer reports that the Cheerleaders are shooting their 2010 calendar against the beaches of his hotels on Eagle Beach, and that their visit was arranged via Divi's corporate headquarters.

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Divi Links – The Rotary Club made generous donations to five local 'for-kids' organizations, this week.

The donations were handed out at Windows on Aruba Restaurant in the presence of the New England Patriots Cheerleaders, who are staying

at Mega Divi. The checks were given to Percy Phelipa, representing the YMCA in San Nicholas, to Dynia Abath-Muller, representing Children's Home Imeldahof, to Dennis Conrades, representing the Special Olympics, to Dr Richard Visser representing Extreme H Sports and to

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Dutch music.

Paseo Herencia has all kinds of different activities and specials for Queen's Day, don't miss all the fun and action. Many of the stores and restaurants have great specials in honor of the Dutch Queen's Birthday. Queen's Day is a national holiday in the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles, and Aruba on 30 April. Queen's Day celebrates the birthday of the Queen of the Netherlands and is supposed to be a day of national unity and "togetherness". The tradition started on 31

August 1885 on the birthday of Princess Wilhelmina, later Queen Wilhelmina. Since 1949, after the ascension of Queen Juliana, Queen's Day is Queen Juliana's birthday on 30 April. Although Queen Beatrix's birthday is on 31 January, she officially celebrates her birthday on 30 April.

Queen's Day is known for its "freemarket" (Dutch: vrijmarkt) all over the country, where everybody is allowed to sell things in the streets. Other activities during

Queen's Day are children's games, individual musical performances, and music concerts. The night before Queen's Day is celebrated too in some cities, and this is called Queen's Night (Dutch: Koninginnenacht). The largest celebration of Queen's Day is in Amsterdam, Queen's

Night in The Hague and Queen's Dance (Dutch: KoninginneDance) in Rotterdam. During the celebrations as reference to the colors of the House of Orange-Nassau, people dress in the color orange, which is sometimes called "orange craze" (Dutch: oranjegekte).

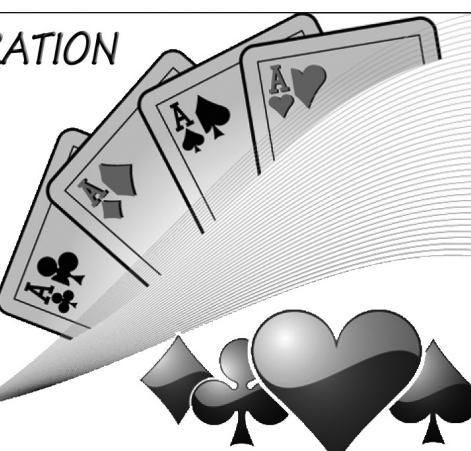
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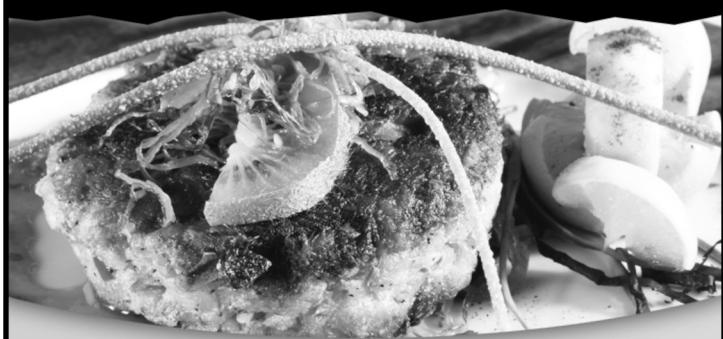
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Ryan Ridderstap, Asst. Casino Marketing Manager, Mrs. Rasmijn's friends and Bingo caller Ms. Tania Faro

PALM BEACH - On Sunday April 26 Aruba's largest casino called for a big celebration. Mrs Dilia Rasmijn, a loyal

local bingo player, won the Progressive Bingo at Stellaris Casino. Ball number 50, from now on for sure her lucky

number, gave access to the amount of 163,307.14 florins, or \$90,000.00. When Mrs Rasmijn called 'Bingo' all present in the casino burst into loud cheers and applause. Mrs Rasmijn was then congratulated by the Stellaris Casino staff who presented her with her check and a champagne toast.

The Stellaris Casino's next Progressive Bingo will take place on Queens Day, April 30th with the chance to win 80,000 florins. Cards are available at the Casino Cage for 15 florins. Progressive Bingo starts at 4 pm. Make sure to be on time as the number of bingo cards that can participate is limited.



Lucky Bingo Winner Dilia Rasmijn with her son and daughter when receiving her check at the Stellaris Casino

On Saturday May 2 a Labor Day Bingo will take place with a special promotion of buying 3 bingo cards and receiving the 4th one FREE. Bingo starts at 4 pm in Stellaris Casino. Pre-sale of bingo cards starts on May 1st after 4 pm. Win over more than 8,000 florins in prizes. Gold ball is \$500; silver ball \$300.

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Developed by Milo v/d



Linden and Theo Valize, of Innova NV, the logo was conceived by Janet Konings, inspired by the Aruban flag. The much-anticipated

ArubaBestPage sales team is made up of Joa Beke and Angelica Reppas, speak to them about being included, sales@arubabestpages.com or

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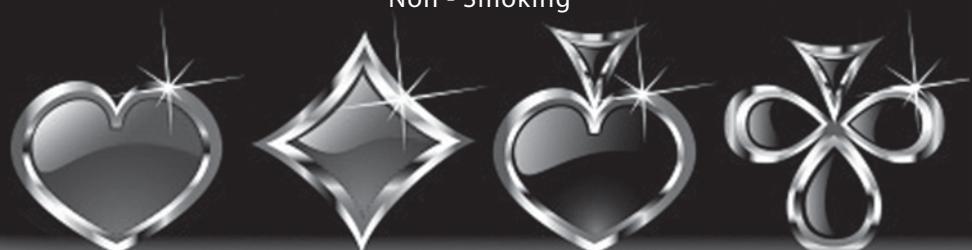
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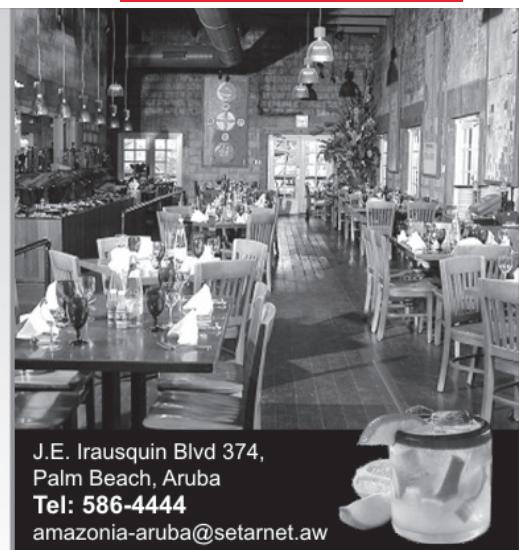
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At the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, Dottie and Tom Fontaine were acknowledged with the "Distinguished Guests of Aruba" title by the Aruba Tourism Authority. As a loyal guest of the Stellaris Casino and Marriott, Mr. & Mrs. Fontaine

have been visiting Aruba for ten consecutive years.

Their first visit to Aruba was in April/ May of 1999 and they have been repeat guests to Aruba ever since. Their enthusiasm to visit Aruba each year is based upon their positive

experiences such as the warmth and friendliness of the people, the safe and secure feeling Aruba gives them and the many friends they have made over the years especially Gail Noguera has been a close friend to Mrs. Fontaine. The beautiful weather

and beaches and the many great restaurants, casinos and shops are also factors that bring the couple back yearly. Casino Marketing Manager Adolf Everon wanted to express his gratitude to the Fontaine's as he has got to know them very well over the years. The honoring took place outside at the lobby patio of the Aruba Marriott Resort. Present at this special occasion were: Mrs. Dottie & Tom Fontaine, ATA representative Francis Jacobs, Casino Marketing Manager Adolf Everon and Sales & Marketing Coordinator Keirsin Tjon Pian Gi. A tropical toast was made



to the honorees who were then presented with a commemorative plaque by Francis Jacobs of ATA. The Fontaine's would like to thank their son Chris for all the vacations to Aruba.



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Group picture from left to right: Marriott's Sales & Marketing Coordinator Keirsin Tjon Pian Gi, Mrs. & Mr. Fontaine, Marriott's Casino Marketing Manager Adolf Everon and ATA's PR representative Francis Jacobs.

Aruba take precautionary measures

No cases of swine flu reported in Netherlands

The National Institute for Public Health and the Environment reports that there are no known cases of swine flu in the Netherlands. A few people who had just returned from Mexico with flu-like symptoms have been examined, but were found not to be carrying the disease.

The institute has warned people returning from the country to see their family doctor if they have a fever or develop a cough. Amsterdam's Schiphol airport says it sees no reason for extra measures in connection with the swine flu outbreak in Mexico. The airport authorities say they are in constant contact with the Public Health Institute and the Foreign Ministry. Up to now, the ministry has not warned people to avoid traveling to Mexico. Passengers leaving Mexico are required to fill in a questionnaire about their health.

Those who have flu-like symptoms are required to report to the authorities when they reach their destination. The Dutch island of Aruba in the Caribbean has introduced some precautionary measures. Anyone arriving on the island must fill in a form on their state of health. Travelers leaving the island who appeared to be ill are being questioned. A spokesperson for the Dutch organization for Agriculture and Horticulture says the current swine flu has little to do with pigs. People do not have to worry about eating pork or visiting city farms with their children. Pigs often carry the flu virus and sometimes they develop flu. Sometimes pig farmers and vets catch it, but they usually recover

after a few days. According to the spokesperson, the virus that is causing the Mexican outbreak is a new variant, probably a mixture of an ordinary flu virus

with bird flu and swine flu. Up to now flu medicines such as Tamiflu and Relenza appear to be effective against the flu strain. The public health Institute says

the Netherlands has 4.5 million doses of Tamiflu in stock and the country would be well prepared to deal with any pandemic. The World Health

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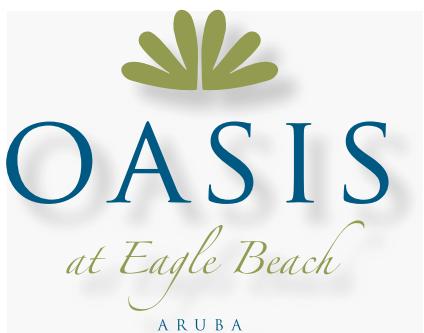
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EAGLE BEACH - Oasis Luxury Condominiums is a Mediterranean-style designed complex located on the prestigious Eagle Beach right next to Chalet Suisse consisting of a total of 35 units distributed on five (5) floors. The one, two and three bedroom suites have a perfect view of the ocean and beach. The units include, among other amenities, floor to ceiling glass doors and panoramic windows, spacious terraces, marble bathrooms, European kitchens with granite counter tops and a full stainless steel appliance package including washer and dryer. This 35-condominium complex will feature a beautiful swimming pool with a beach style entry with

waterfalls and fountain and state of the art fiber optic lighting. The entrance of the building has a drive-up covered entrance and an elegant two-story lobby leading to the sun-filled hallways and corridors.

The common area will facilitate the owners with a well-equipped gym overlooking the gardens and the pool. The garden will feel like an oasis true to the projects name. There will also be a recreation room and sofas throughout the com

The hottest place to be cool is Bugaloe!



PALM BEACH - There is only one Bugaloe on Aruba: it is the hottest place to be cool and the coolest place to be hot. Friends and fun are the main ingredients at the beach bar, but great food, drinks and music get a good second place. The sunsets, the breeze and the turquoise ocean are right at the top as well, of course. Bugaloe is located on De Palm Pier on the beach between the RIU Palace and the Radisson Resort at the Hi-Rise strip: an easy walk from all the major hotels.

People from all over the world get together at Bugaloe: they have a few drinks,

a bite to eat, they dance and sway and make new friends. If you have gotten curious here and now, check out the website www.bugaloe.com and you will see at one glance what we are talking about. No words will be needed anymore. Surf to the website for the Bugaloe Event Calendar or leave a note in the Guestbook.

Bugaloe's daily Happy Hours are considered the starting signal for an evening of partying on the island. Locals mingle with visitors and raise their glasses. When you get hungry, order a scrumptious burger, a gourmet pizza, tasty wings or a salad and party on. The night is young, the world is going crazy and you are right in the middle of a super happening. What's not to like? A twice-a-month live breakfast radio show on Friday

day mornings with a spectacular breakfast buffet will keep you entertained as well.

A hot tip: Bugaloe Beach Bar puts on live bands on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Lotus (YouTube keywords: lotus, bugaloe) and Marisela & Aquarius (YouTube keywords: marisela, confidential, 2008) are playing the stars from the sky. These bands are drawing the crowds, so be there or be square! On those nights the young as well as the young-at-heart are having the time of their lives. Photos of Bugaloe's happy times can be viewed at www.bugaloe.com. Don't forget to put your own movie of you and your friends having a whale of a time at Bugaloe on the web and enjoy being famous, crazy and hilarious. So upload, upload! We are looking forward to seeing you on YouTube or live in action.





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"We like Marriott Vacation Club because it is first class," said Bill and Grace Treubert, Marriott Vacation Club Owners at both Marriott's Aruba Surf Club and Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club. "Thanks to the three weeks we own in Aruba, we get together yearly for our family reunion." Today the Treuberts are among nearly 400,000 vacation Owners at over 50 distinct Marriott Vacation Club resorts throughout the U.S., Caribbean, Europe and Asia. Like the Treuberts, many have been loyal since the very beginning, helping make Marriott Vacation Club International a worldwide leader in the vacation ownership industry.

The Quality Component

The first branded hospitality company to enter the timeshare industry by nearly a decade, Marriott Vacation Club marks its first 25 years with an impressive 91 percent customer satisfaction

rating. With more than 50 percent of the company's business coming from Owners purchasing additional weeks and referring friends, the common denominator for many is Marriott's signature quality and service.

"Everything about Marriott is five-star quality to us," says Treubert. "We really enjoy the three-bedroom unit since it accommodates everyone comfortably. We utilize the fully equipped kitchen for breakfasts and most lunches and then always test out one of the great restaurants on the island for our family dinners."

A typical Marriott Vacation Club two-bedroom, two-bath villa in Aruba includes a spacious floor plan featuring a fully-equipped gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and tile floors, spacious living and dining areas, multiple televisions with DVD players, a deep soaking tub in the master suite, private balcony, washer/dryer and Wi-Fi internet access.

Industry Firsts

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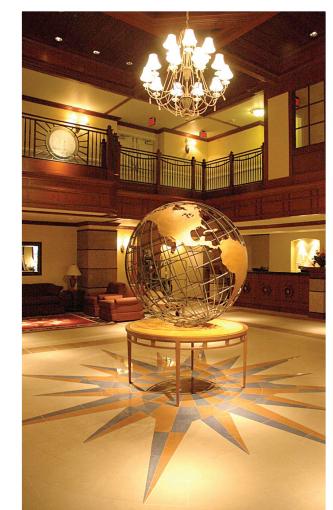
Marriott's Aruba Surf Club for their annual vacation, keeping the destination on the top tier of the most requested locations.

Special Offer

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To take advantage of this offer commemorating Marriott Vacation Club's 25th anniversary visit www.marriott-vacations.com and for more information on Marriott's Aruba Surf Club visit www.marriottsarubasurfclub.com. Guests may also contact the resort at 297-586-2641 or 1-866-978-7008 and visit the sales gallery located at Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club, 99 L.G. Smith Blvd.

"We are immensely excited to be able to present our Owners and guests with this unprecedented offer in honor



of our 25th anniversary," said Jim Hansen, vice president of sales and marketing for the East and Caribbean region, Marriott Vacation Club International. "This is the perfect opportunity for more families to consider the benefits of vacation ownership 'the Marriott Way.'"

“Aruhiba” Aruba’s homemade cigar



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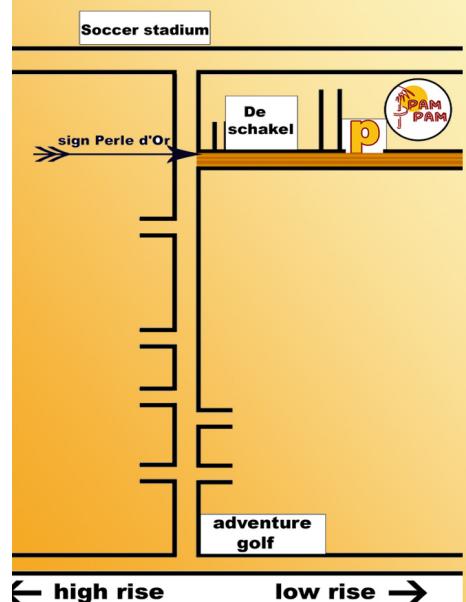
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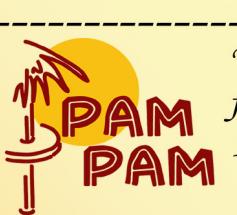
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EAGLE BEACH – The National Clean up organized by Parlamento Juvenil, took teams of local youngsters as far as the Sasaki highway, scouring for debris in the area around the Eagle Beach resorts from Adventure Golf and the Aruban Resort and Morgan's Island, a giant circle that yielded 18 fifty-gallon bags of assorted trash, mainly glass bottles and soft drink cans. Nineteen La Cabana beach & Racquet Club associates volunteered to lend a hand, most of them from the Security and the Engineering Departments. The Aruba Hotel And Tourism Association blessed the youthful initiative and cooperated nicely with the young members of Parlamento Juvenil, as witnessed in our snapshots.



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smoke may cause asthma in children. In children who already have asthma, secondhand smoke can make episodes more frequent and more severe. Secondhand smoke is also tied to infections of the lower respiratory tract, such as bronchitis and pneumonia, especially in those younger than 6. It's also associated with irritation of the upper respiratory tract and a small reduction in lung function. Children living in households with smokers are more likely to develop ear infections.

Nutrition is an important part of a healthy pregnancy and baby. You will want to eat the freshest possible organic foods that are beneficial according to your blood type.

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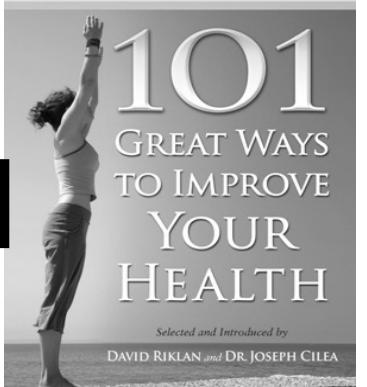
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Additionally, supplementation with lectin which has been shown to enhance the brain development of your baby; women, who take lecithin supplements while pregnant and breastfeeding, have been shown to have babies with larger brains that exhibit faster cognitive development.

B - Complex vitamins are essential. Women who are or may become pregnant should be supplementing with the following vitamins. Folic acid is a water-soluble vitamin belonging to the B-complex group of vitamins. These vitamins help the body break down complex carbohydrates into simple sugars to be used for energy. Excess B vitamins are excreted from the body rather than stored for later use. Birth control pills stimulate more of these vitamins to be lost. This is one reason why sufficient daily intake of folic acid is necessary. Always be sure to check with a clinical nutritionist for proper usage of any supplement if you are pregnant.

The second is to prevent neural tube defects in your baby. The two major neural tube birth defects reduced by adequate folic acid intake are anencephaly and spina bifida. Babies with anencephaly do not develop a brain and are stillborn or die shortly after birth. Those with spina bifida have a defect of the spinal column that can result in varying degrees of handicap, from mild and hardly noticeable cases of scoliosis, a sideways bending of the spine, to paralysis and bladder or bowel incontinence. With medical treatment, most babies born with spina bifida can survive to adulthood. But they may require leg braces, crutches, and other devices to help them walk, and they may have learning disabilities. About 30 percent have slight to severe mental retardation.

Enough pregnant women become anemic during their pregnancy that doctors often prescribe iron supplements. Most maternal supplements may contain 30 mg or more of iron per dose, in combination

with vitamins or other minerals. While it is true that iron is a basic requirement for the survival and growth of cells of all types, including bacteria, parasites, and cancer, as a certified clinical nutritionist, supplementing with iron concerns me. Accidental iron overdose is a leading cause of poisoning deaths in children under 6 in the United States. Some researchers are even stating that iron added to cereals may be contributing to the incidence of leukemia and cancers of the lymphatic tissues in children.

Additionally, many women cannot stomach these maternal supplements, especially when burdened with morning sickness. The idea that women need extra iron is a mistake. Doctors generally don't realize that only a few milligrams of iron are lost each day in menstruation. The real issue is that you can hardly avoid getting iron, even when you try. Women absorb iron much more efficiently than men do. From a similar meal, women will normally absorb three times as much iron as men do.

Iron is a potentially toxic heavy metal. In excess, it can cause cancer, heart disease, and other illnesses. In the 1960s the World Health Organization found that when iron supplements were given to anemic people in Africa, there was a great increase in the death rate from infectious diseases. In our clinic we use results from blood chemistry analysis and hair tests to check for toxic heavy metals, including mercury and other elements found in dental amalgams, pesticides and many of the 300+ chemicals we live with daily, all of these can contribute to the health of your unborn child.

Biocompatible dentistry is one way we use to eliminate some of these dangerous toxins; however it is not advisable to have dental work done while pregnant. Even a simple procedure like the annual teeth hygiene cleaning has been shown to release mercury from amalgam fillings.

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knows well. Yet, many problems encountered during pregnancy including "morning sickness", especially that lasts all day, overly active babies, low back pain, high blood pressure during pregnancy all show positive effects with acupuncture treatments. Other safe, natural solutions are available for an unexpected cold, flu, stress or mild allergy attack.

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medical and nutritional guidance your pregnancy can be a naturally joyous event.

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Divi Links – The Rotary Club made generous donations to five local 'for-kids' organizations, this week. The donations were handed out at Windows on Aruba Restaurant in the presence of the New England Patriots Cheerleaders, who are staying at Mega Divi. The checks were given to Percy Phelipa, representing the YMCA in San Nicholas, to Dynia Abath-Muller, representing Children's Home Imeldahof, to Dennis Conrades, representing the Special Olympics, to Dr Richard Visser representing Extreme H Sports and to Albert Tromp representing Little League Baseball.

The Rotarians who raised the fund in the community for their special projects were pleased with the results of their year-long drive and thanked Divi Links and Windows on Aruba for their hospitality. Managing Director Alex Nieuwmeyer reports that the Cheerleaders are shooting their 2010 calendar against the beaches of his hotels on Eagle Beach, and that their visit was arranged via Divi's corporate headquarters.

The New England Patriots Cheerleaders lend their all-American spirit to a Rotary Club business meeting



DIVI LINKS – Managing Director Alex Nieuwmeyer welcomed the New England Patriots Cheerleaders to Windows on Aruba restaurant as his guests at a special cocktail party hosted in honor of the local Rotary Club.

Members of the Rotary Club, all business leaders in the community, met the glamorous squad members dressed in their official cheerleading uniform, for a social exchange, just before the Rotarians handed out annual donations to for-kids charity organizations.

The New England Patriots Cheerleaders are on the island to shoot their 2010 calendar and while they are staying at Mega Divi they

helped hand out donations checks and also spoke to the community leaders. Four of the Cheerleaders' Captains took their turn to praise the Rotarians for their good work and shared some of their many experiences entertaining the troupes, training Chinese Cheerleaders pre-Olympics and enjoying an athletic career in stadiums filled with up to 80,000 Patriots fans.

On Thursday, the New England Patriots Cheerleaders will perform a pre-game show at the Pelican Bar, at Mega Divi, they also inform that the 2010 Swimsuit Calendar will be reversible and feature 24 beautiful photos of them against the island beaches.



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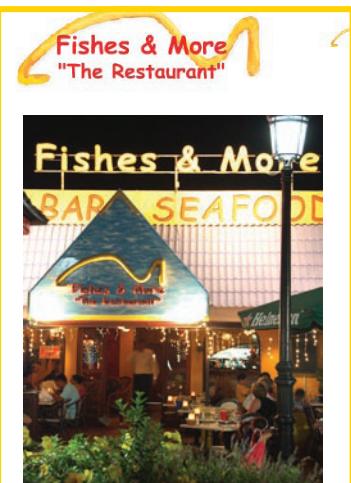


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dinning room or outside on the terrace to enjoy the tropical breeze and daily live music. Most guests come in early for the **daily fresh catches**, such as Red snapper, grouper, mahi mahi, wahoo and tuna. Check with the server to find out about the Catch of the day. The chef will be more than happy to prepare your fish the way you like it best: grilled, deep-fried, pan-fried or the chef's choice. **Every Wednesday, seafood specials are prepared** depending on what the Fishermen bring in fresh out of the water that afternoon. These



specials usually include fresh Caribbean lobster and pounds of peeled shrimps. **Fishes and More** is for everyone, from large groups, families, couples and even singles who can't shake the seafood addiction can stop in for a fix of Pina Colada Shrimp. For those who like to try something different or have had their fill of spectacular seafood, the chef prepares a wonderful array of filet mignon, rib eye, wiener schnitzel, veal parmesan, and pasta specialties. **Great Seafood!!!** Fun and relaxed atmosphere. Right across from the high rise hotels. It is worth the short walk to a wonderful dinner □



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Taxi driver Connie Taylor wears a mask for protection against swine flu as she sits in her cab in Salinas, Calif., Tuesday, April 28, 2009. At least seven people were in U.S. hospitals with swine flu Tuesday as the number of cases nationwide rose to 64 and a federal health official warned that deaths were likely.

Associated Press

U.S. flu deaths seen as likely as outbreak spreads

TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials warned on Tuesday that swine-flu related deaths were likely in the United States as the disease that killed scores in Mexico continued to spread across the world and governments intensified steps to battle the outbreak.

The number of confirmed cases in the United States was raised to 64, but states and cities were reporting more suspected cases. In New York, the city's health commissioner said "many hundreds" of schoolchildren were ill at a school where some students had confirmed cases.

President Barack Obama asked Congress for \$1.5 billion in emergency funds to fight the fast-spreading disease.

Canada reported 13 cases and urged people to avoid unnecessary travel to Mexico; Cuba banned flights to Mexico, where public life

is being altered dramatically by illness.

The Los Angeles County coroner's office was investigating the recent deaths of two men for links to swine flu. So far, no deaths linked to the disease have been reported outside Mexico.

But Richard Besser, acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said in Atlanta: "I fully expect we will see deaths from this infection. That was echoed by U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. "It is very likely that we will see more serious presentations of illness and some deaths as we go through this flu cycle," she said.

Napolitano suggested that closing the border with Mexico wouldn't stop the spread of the illness. She pointed out that the U.S. does a great deal of trade with Mexico and "that would be a very, very heavy cost for — as the epidemiologists tell us

— would be marginal, if any, utility in terms of actually preventing the spread of the virus."

Besser said the U.S. has 64 confirmed cases across five states, with 45 in New York, one in Ohio, two in Kansas, six in Texas and 10 in California.

New York has the largest number of swine flu cases, with a heavy concentration at a Catholic school in Queens section of New York City, where students recently went on a spring break trip to Mexico.

There also were indications that the outbreak may have spread beyond the school, with two people hospitalized and officials closing a school for autistic kids down the street.

Those two hospitalizations are in addition to the five hospitalizations announced by the CDC, including three in California and two in Texas.

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Three brothers get life sentences in Fort Dix case



Zurata Duka, mother of three brothers, Dritan, Eljvir and Shain who were sentenced to live in prison for their convictions in a plot to kill military personnel at Fort Dix in New Jersey, speaks at a news conference in the federal courthouse in Camden, N.J., Tuesday, April 28, 2009. Dritan Duka, 30, and his brother, Shain Duka, 28, were sentenced to life in prison plus 30 years and Eljvir Duka, 25, was sentenced to life in prison for their convictions in the plot. Two other men convicted in the plot are to be sentenced Wednesday.

Associated Press

GEOFF MULVIHILL

Associated Press Writer

CAMDEN, New Jersey (AP)

— Three immigrant brothers involved in a plot to kill military personnel, possibly on Fort Dix, were sentenced Tuesday to spend the rest of their lives in prison.

The government had said the men were familiar with the Army post because their father's pizza shop delivered there, and it presented the case

as one of the most startling examples of homegrown terrorism.

Dritan, Eljvir and Shain Duka, ethnic Albanians from the former Yugoslavia, professed their innocence in courtroom speeches before U.S. District Judge Robert Kugler handed down their sentences. Two other men were to be sentenced Wednesday.

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Iraqis insist they've got their man behind bars

KIM GAMBEL

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Iraqi government presented the first image of the alleged leader of an al-Qaida front group Tuesday in a bid to prove the right suspect was in custody despite skepticism that he even exists.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki called Abu Omar al-Baghdadi "the head of evil" and accused him of trying to incite a sectarian civil war and working with other insurgents who remained loyal to Saddam Hussein.

"This criminal had close relations with the former regime and maintained a sinister alliance with Saddam's followers," he said in a statement released by his office.

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Senate confirms health secretary nominee

By ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius won Senate confirmation Tuesday as the nation's health and human services secretary, thrusting her into the middle of a public health emergency with the swine flu sickening dozens of Americans.

The 65-31 confirmation vote came after Democrats urged quick action so that Sebelius could get to work leading the federal response to the flu outbreak.

"We find ourselves in the midst of a global crisis," said Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn. "What we've been missing in all of this is the head of the Health and Human Services Department."

Sixty votes in the 100-seat Senate were necessary for

approval. Immediately after the vote Sebelius resigned as governor in Kansas and headed to Washington to get sworn in. The ceremony was set for Tuesday evening in the Oval Office.

Republican opponents cited Sebelius' pro-abortion stances and her initial underreporting of campaign contributions from a late-term abortion doctor. They raised concerns about whether Obama administration plans to overhaul the nation's health system would cut out Republicans and lead to rationing of care.

"She is the wrong appointee for this particular assignment," said Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah. "She has backed a partisan process for health care reform. She has refused to support patient safeguards."

With no HHS secretary in

place, the White House has turned to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to help lead its response to the swine flu, even while insisting that vacancies at the top of HHS were not a problem.

Sebelius, 60, a two-term Democrat, was the first of 20 HHS officials requiring Senate approval to win it, and she heads to work with many team members missing. The Senate hasn't acted on Obama's nominees for deputy HHS secretary or commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, and Obama hasn't even nominated people for other key jobs, including surgeon general and assistant secretary for preparedness and response.

There's also not been an appointment for head of the Centers for Disease Control



In a March 2, 2009, file photo Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington. The Senate is set to approve Sebelius, President Barack Obama's nominee for health and human services secretary, on Tuesday April 28, 2009.

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and Prevention, another component of the sprawling HHS, which has 65,000 employees and a \$750 billion budget.

The whole process suffered a setback when Obama's first pick for HHS secretary, former Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota, withdrew in February

over unpaid taxes.

Though the swine flu will be an immediate focus, Sebelius will also be charged with shepherding Obama's overhaul of the nation's \$2.5 trillion health care system to reduce costs and cover some 50 million uninsured Americans.

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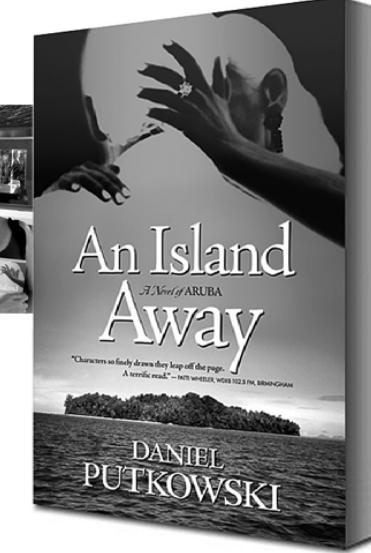
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Flu deaths

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"It is here and it is spreading," New York City Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden said. "We do not know whether it will continue to spread."

Meanwhile, swine flu was ruled out as the cause of one of two recent deaths being investigated by the Los Angeles County coroner's office. Coroner's Assistant Chief Ed Winter said Tuesday that lab testing is still pending in the case of the second fatality, but that swine flu is not now suspected.

The flu is believed to have killed more than 150 people in Mexico. Mexico City, one of the world's largest cities, cracked down even further on public life, closing gyms, swimming pools and pool halls and ordering restaurants to limit service to takeout. Earlier, the city shut down schools, state-run theaters and other public places.

But for all the government intervention, health officials around the world suggested the flu virus strain was spreading so fast that efforts to contain it might prove ineffective.

"Border controls do not work. Travel restrictions do not work," World Health Organization spokesman Gregory Hartl said in Geneva, recalling the SARS epidemic earlier in the decade that killed 774 people, mostly in Asia, and slowed the global economy.

Obama's request for \$1.5 billion in emergency funds would help build drug stockpiles and monitor future cases as well as help international efforts. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the flu outbreak

requires "prudent planning" and not panic.

Cuba was the first country to impose an outright travel ban. But the United States and a number of other countries, including Israel, France and the European Union's disease control agency have warned against nonessential travel to Mexico.

The swine flu already has spread to at least six countries besides Mexico, prompting WHO to raise its alert level on Monday but not call for travel bans or border closings. Around the world, officials hoped the outbreak would not turn into a full-fledged pandemic, an epidemic that spreads across a wide geographical area.

"It's a very serious possibility, but it is still too early to say that this is inevitable," the WHO's flu chief, Dr. Keiji Fukuda, told a telephone news conference.

Flu deaths are nothing new in the United States or elsewhere. The CDC estimates that about 36,000 people died of flu-related causes each year, on

average, during the 1990s in the United States.

But the new flu strain is a combination of pig, bird and human viruses for which humans may have no natural immunity.

New Zealand reported that 11 people who recently returned from Mexico had contracted the virus. Tests conducted at a WHO laboratory in Australia confirmed three cases of swine flu among 11 members of the group who were showing symptoms, New Zealand Health Minister Tony Ryall said.

Israel's Health Ministry confirmed two swine flu cases in men who recently returned from Mexico. One has recovered and the other was not believed to be in serious danger, health officials said. Meanwhile, a second case was confirmed Tuesday in Spain, Health Minister Trinidad Jimenez said, a day after the country reported its first case. The 23-year-old student, one of 26 patients under observation, was not in serious condition, Jimenez said.



Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, right, testifies as Paul Jarris, executive director of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, left, and Rear Admiral Anne Schuchat, interim deputy director for Science and Public Health Program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, center, look on during an emergency hearing on swine flu by the Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry subcommittee on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, in Washington.

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Republican shift gives Democrats vital Senate vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Veteran Republican Sen. Arlen Specter switched parties Tuesday with a suddenness that stunned Washington, a moderate's defection that left Democrats one seat shy of a 60-vote supermajority they need to push President Barack Obama's agenda through the Senate. Specter's decision gives Democrats and their allies at least 59 Senate seats. One vacancy remains from the state of Minnesota, where Democrat Al Franken holds a narrow lead in a race being disputed in court. With 60 votes in the 100-seat chamber, Obama's fellow Democrats could stop Republican filibusters, a stalling tactic used to delay or defeat legislation. Specter, 79 and seeking a sixth six-year term in 2010, conceded bluntly that his chances of winning a Republican primary election were bleak in his home state, Pennsylvania, where as in many state the party's membership has grown increasingly conservative.

He cast his decision, however, as one of principle rather than political ambition, as Republican leaders alleged. Pennsylvania is mostly Democratic.

"I am not prepared to have my 29 years' record in the United States Senate decided by the Pennsylvania Republican primary electorate," Specter said in a news conference.

Specter is one of a handful of Republican moderates remaining in Congress in a party now dominated by conservatives. Several officials said the White House as well as leaders in both parties had been involved in discussions that led to his move. Not long after Specter met privately with Republican senators to explain his decision, the party's leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell, said Specter's move posed a "threat to the country." The issue, he said, "really relates to ... whether or not in the United States of America our people want the majority party to have whatever it wants, without

restraint, without a check or balance."

The Democrats' leader in the Senate, Sen. Harry Reid, gave a sly slap at the Republicans' slide to the right in his welcome to Specter. "I welcome Sen. Specter and his moderate voice to our diverse caucus," Reid said.

Specter's move came a day before Obama marked 100 days in office. The president telephoned Specter and told him "you have my full support," and the Democratic Party is "thrilled to have you."

Specter has a lifelong record of independence and told reporters, "I will not be an automatic 60th vote." As evidence, he pointed out he opposes legislation to make it easier for workers to join unions, a bill that is organized labor's top priority this year.

Labor is among the Democrats' most important constituencies.

Specter was the sixth senator to switch parties in the past 15 years, the first to leave the Republicans since former Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont



Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa., and his wife, Joan, arrives for a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, April 28, 2009. Specter switched parties with a suddenness that stunned the Senate, a moderate's defection that left Democrats one seat shy of a 60-vote filibuster-resistant majority and many of President Barack Obama's key legislative priorities on the horizon.

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became an independent in 2001. Jeffords' defection gave Democrats control of the Senate. Reid, then the second-ranking Democrat, played a role in that

change, as well, offering to give up a committee chairmanship so Jeffords could retain it.

As one of the most senior Republicans in the Senate, Specter held powerful positions on the Judiciary and Appropriations committees. It was not clear how Democrats would calculate his seniority in assigning committee leadership positions.

As recently as late last year, Specter had been asked by a reporter why he had not taken Democrats up on past offers to switch parties.

"Because I am a Republican," he said at the time.

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Fort Dix

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All five were convicted by a jury in December of conspiracy to kill military personnel but were acquitted on attempted-murder charges. Four of them also were convicted on weapons offenses.

Two of the Duka brothers, Dritan and Shain, were given sentences of life plus 30 years because of one of the weapons counts against them.

Defense lawyers and the men's relatives said the sentences were expected, but the relatives also said they were unjust.

The men also were ordered to pay a total of \$125,000 in restitution to the Army, which beefed up security at Fort Dix after hearing about the investigation into the plot.

In meting out the sentences, the judge agreed with prosecutors that the case was shocking.

"But for the intervention of the FBI, at some point in the future," he said, "they would have killed people."

The men were arrested in May 2007. Prosecutors say they had taken training trips to the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania and scouted out Fort Dix and other military sites.

Five service members in uniform sat in the back of the courtroom as the sentences were handed down Tuesday. During the sentencing hearing, the Duka brothers told the judge they were innocent and were convicted because of their unpopular political views. They blamed the government's use of two convicted criminals as paid informants in the case, claiming those informants cajoled them into saying they would take up arms against the U.S.

"The innocent are in prison while the true criminals are being rewarded heavily," lamented Shain Duka, 28.

"Being in prison and knowing you are innocent is a great feeling in the sight of God," said Eljvir Duka, 25.

Relatives and a neighbor of the men also spoke in the hearing, laying out how the brothers were brought to the United States illegally as boys from the former Yugoslavia as

their parents sought a better life.

The brothers were raised for a time in Brooklyn, then moved to Cherry Hill, a comfortable suburb of Philadelphia, a dozen years ago after Dritan Duka, now 30, had gotten into legal trouble.

All three had criminal histories dating to their teenage years. Among them: drug offenses, eluding police and driving with a suspended license.

Michael Huff, a lawyer for Dritan Duka, said that

becoming more involved in the Muslim faith turned them around.

The men, all school dropouts, owned a pizza shop together and later a roofing company. Their father, Ferik Duka, told how they supported the family when he was injured in a car accident and were known for taking pizza to homeless people.

"

I wish all the children of human beings," the elder Duka said, "are like my sons."



A police officer with a police dog patrols outside the Mitchell H. Cohen United States Courthouse in Camden, N.J., during sentencing for three brothers Dritan Duka, Eljvir Duka and Shain Duka who were sentenced Tuesday, April 28, 2009, to life in prison for their convictions in a plot to kill military personnel at Fort Dix in New Jersey. Two other men convicted in the plot are to be sentenced Wednesday. Associated Press

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Iraqis

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Authorities described al-Baghdadi's capture, which was announced last week, as a major setback for Sunni insurgents trying to intensify attacks after a relative lull.

But the capture or death of other high-ranking insurgent figures in the past—including

former al-Qaida in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in 2006—has done little to slow the bombings.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said he could not confirm al-Baghdadi's capture and described as "fairly accurate" a statement that every day that goes by without a confirmation increases the suspicion that it's not him.

A prominent writer identified as Muhib Ruyat al-Rahman, whose comments are widely read on Islamic Web sites, meanwhile, signaled that insurgent groups also were not certain the man captured was al-Baghdadi.

He warned his comrades the claim could be a propaganda ploy and said even if it did prove true, the death or arrest

of leaders would not stop the march of jihad, or holy war. The identity of al-Baghdadi—shown in the photo unveiled at a news conference with a close-cropped beard and black T-shirt—has frequently been questioned.

The U.S. military has even said al-Baghdadi could be a fictitious character used to give an Iraqi face to an organization

dominated by foreign al-Qaida fighters. Even if he does exist, it was unclear what his role is in the terror group—whether he really runs it or whether he's a figurehead.

Iraqi officials also have reported al-Baghdadi's arrest or killing before, only to later say they were wrong.

In 2007, Iraq's government reported that al-Baghdadi had been killed and released photos of what it said was his body. Later, security officials said they had arrested al-Baghdadi. In both cases, the U.S. military said at the time it could not be confirmed. The reports turned out to be untrue.

But Iraqi military spokesman Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi said the government was certain the man arrested Thursday was al-Baghdadi. He displayed the picture but offered no other proof, saying the investigation was ongoing and that security forces were still trying to glean information from the detainee.

A senior Iraqi security official said authorities did not want to release too much information because it could tip off members of his insurgent network.

Information from al-Baghdadi already had led Iraqi authorities to arrest four people, including a woman, and seize three explosive belts in Diyala province, north of Baghdad, the official said on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information.

He said the group had planned attacks to mark the birthday of Saddam, who was hanged in 2006. Saddam, who is buried in the Tigris River hamlet of Ouja, would have turned 72 on Tuesday.

Authorities hailed the purported arrest as a major victory for Iraqi forces reeling from accusations that they are not prepared to take over their own security in the wake of a series of high-profile attacks. The deadliest bombings in more than a year occurred last week after al-Baghdadi was purportedly caught, with more than 150 people killed over a period of two days.



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Internet watchdog: Drop in child pornography sites

GREGORY KATZ
 Associated Press Writer
 LONDON (AP) — The number of international Web sites showing sexual abuse of children has fallen by about 10 percent, but the images on these sites are more violent, a British Internet watchdog said Wednesday.

The Internet Watch Foundation said increased vigilance by U.K. police and private groups that operate a series of hot lines has made it harder for commercial groups to operate child pornography Web sites. Illegal sites are often removed within hours, the group said.

But those that remain online are more likely to use images involving torture and penetration, the report said. These types of graphic images were found in 58 percent of child pornography sites, compared to 47 percent two years ago.

The report also found that

24 percent of the children used in the photographs and videos appear to be 6 years old or younger.

"These Web sites, although reducing in number, represent an extremely serious problem," said foundation Chief Executive Peter Robbins. "The extensive intelligence networks we have with partner hot lines and law enforcement colleagues around the world to support international action are making a real difference, but the sophisticated way these Web sites operate still makes it a highly complex and global challenge."

The foundation, which is funded by the European Union and the U.K. Internet industry, found that fewer than 1 percent of child pornography sites are hosted in Britain.

The group, founded in 1996, works by fielding complaints

from the public about child pornography sites, then having the sites analyzed by experts to determine if they are illegal.

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Attacks kill seven Mexican police in Tijuana



Forensic workers examine the crime scene where four police officers were killed when gunmen opened fire on their patrol cars in Tijuana, Mexico, late Monday, April 27, 2009. Authorities said seven police officers were killed Monday night in a series of near-simultaneous attacks in the Mexican border city of Tijuana.

Associated Press

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Seven police officers were assassinated in about an hour's time in what authorities said Tuesday was a coordinated

effort that followed months of relative calm in a border city stricken by drug-fueled violence. Three officers were injured.

Municipal police detained several people after Monday

night's attacks, said Jose Manuel Yepiz, spokesman for the Baja California state attorney general's office. He did not have additional details.

After four officers were killed by gunfire outside a convenience store, police scanners hummed with "narcocorridos," or drug ballads. One voice threatened over the airwaves that 30 officers would be killed.

One officer was shot dead in each of three attacks that followed, including one at a police station, Yepiz said.

The killings come as Mayor Jorge Ramos intensifies an effort to rid the police department of corrupt officers.

The city has fired 248 police officers accused of corruption since Ramos took office in December 2006 and about 130 others are suspended pending

review for possible dismissal, said Julian Leyzaola, the city's public safety secretary. The city has 2,160 officers.

Leyzaola said in an interview last week that about 15 Tijuana police officers had been killed on the job during Ramos' administration.

Nine police officers were killed last year in neighboring Playas de Rosarito, a city of 130,000 people, including about 14,000 U.S. citizens, Mayor Hugo Torres said. Seven or eight were involved in drug trafficking, he said.

Monday's killings were one of the most brazen since a period of bloodshed that claimed more than 400 lives in the last three months of 2008. According to U.S. and Mexican authorities, Tijuana is a battleground for two drug traffickers — Fernando Sanchez Arellano, heir to the notorious but enfeebled

Arellano Felix cartel, and Teodoro Garcia Simental, a renegade lieutenant who broke away in April 2008 in a shootout that killed 14 people. Victor Clark Alfaro, director of the Binational Center for Human Rights, said Tijuana officers have been killed before but never so many in a single attack. He said the slayings may signal a new wave of violence in Tijuana, across the border from San Diego, California.

"The violence follows a pattern," he said. "It falls, then it rises, then it falls. Today we are witnessing the beginning of the curve rising again."

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Seychelles Coast Guard arrests 9 suspected pirates

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NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The Seychelles took custody of nine pirate suspects Tuesday and accused them of trying to hijack a cruise liner carrying 1,000 tourists.

The island nation had dispatched an aircraft to trace the men through the Indian Ocean, resulting eventually in the capture of the suspects.

The MSC Melody, a luxury cruise liner on its way to Europe from the southern tip of Africa, was attacked Saturday. Pirates in speed boats raced up to the ship under cover of darkness and unleashed a volley of automatic gunfire, but security guards aboard the liner fought them off, returning fire and spraying them with a fire hose.

The ship made a distress call, and the Seychelles Coast Guard sent an aircraft to pinpoint the location of the pirates, according to a government statement. The plane spent five hours in the air surveying the ocean, photographing the pirates' skiff and marking its position.

The Coast Guard transmitted the information to a Spanish frigate, which tracked the alleged pirate skiff and stopped it Sunday. Nine people on the skiff were apprehended and handed over to the Seychelles, the statement said.

Although the pirates are believed to be from Somalia, an African nation with coastline on the Indian Ocean, the attempted hijacking happened closer to the Seychelles, roughly 200 nautical miles (370 kilometers) north of the archipelago. The distance from Somalia is a sign of the sea bandits' increasing skill, said analysts.

The Seychelles, whose economy depends heavily on tourism, appears intent on sending a strong message by both arresting and offering to try the pirates.

"While the attack took place far away from the Seychelles islands and posed no danger to its citizens, it is imperative that the territorial waters of the Seychelles remain safe," said Seychelles President James Michel in a statement.

The Melody, carrying about 1,000 passengers and 500 crew,

was en route from Durban, South Africa to Genoa, Italy, on a 22-day luxury cruise. Unlike most vessels passing through the pirate-infested waters, the ship was guarded by an Israeli private security unit who started the pirates by opening fire. Officials on cruise liner said that the pirates trailed the ship for another 20 minutes, before giving up and changing course.

Also Tuesday in the Philippines, the government asked Pacific Rim transportation ministers to aid its ships through the treacherous Indian Ocean amid a slump in global trade.

Philippines Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza appealed to officials from the 21-member Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting to address the menace of piracy to provide armed escorts for Philippine ships, said Transportation Undersecretary Maria Elena Bautista.

A Somali governor, Musa Gele, said Tuesday that residents in northeastern Somalia helped local security agents arrest 19 suspected pirates. Gele, governor



A French Commando, left, escorts a suspected Somali pirate, centre, from the French frigate Nivose, serving in the international fleet trying to protect shipping in the Gulf of Aden, which arrived in the Port of Mombasa Kenya, with 11 detained suspected pirates Wednesday April 22, 2009. France has traditionally been aggressive in fighting piracy - this was its ninth military operation against pirates. Three Somali pirates were in the French city of Rennes last Wednesday facing judicial investigation after being captured in a hostage rescue Friday. Several other pirates are also in French custody after being seized last year.

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of the northeastern Somalia region of Bari, said officials will make sure innocent fisherman are freed and the rest are charged in court. He said the arrests took place Sunday in Alula and Bargal, on Somalia's northeastern tip. Somalia, Kenya's neighbor on Africa's eastern coast, has become the staging ground for dozens of attacks by pirates in small boats. Analysts say the problem cannot

be solved by security alone, arguing that piracy is a byproduct of Somalia's tailspin into anarchy following the 1991 overthrow of its government.

Ship-owners sometimes pay large ransoms, which are split between a number of pirates. Individual pirates can net \$5,000 to \$10,000 per successful hijacking in a nation where the average person earns around \$600 a year.

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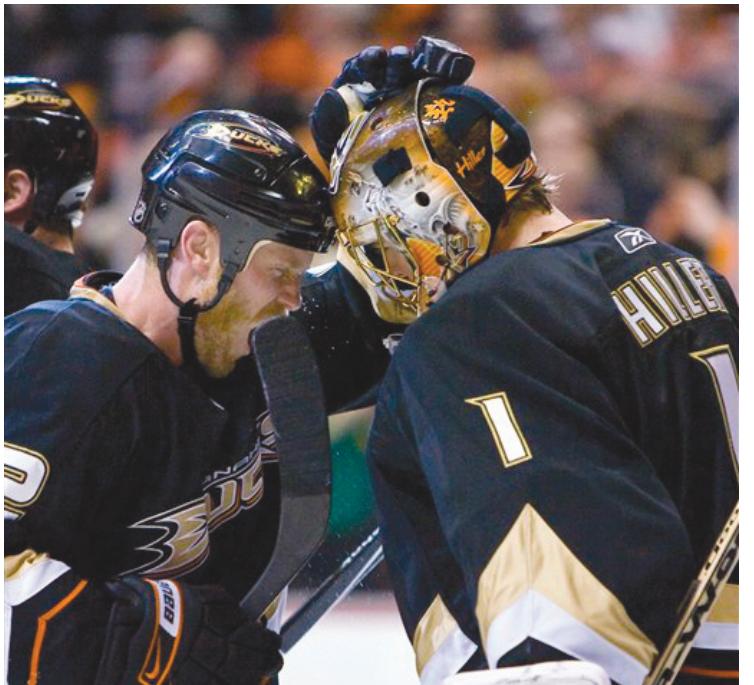
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Anaheim Ducks center Todd Marchant, left, congratulates goalie Jonas Hiller, of Switzerland, after the Ducks' 4-1 win against the San Jose Sharks in a first-round NHL hockey playoff game in Anaheim, Calif., Monday, April 27, 2009.

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NHL Playoff

Ducks oust top-seeded Sharks 4-1 in Game 6

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Teemu Selanne and Francois Beauchemin scored their first playoff goals 43 seconds apart in the second period as the eighth-seeded Anaheim Ducks ousted the NHL Presidents' Trophy-winning San Jose Sharks from the first round with a 4-1 victory on Monday. Jonas Hiller made 36 saves to finish his phenomenal playoff series debut for the Ducks, who won a fight-filled Game 6 clincher in a remarkable playoff upset two years after winning the franchise's only Stanley Cup.

With a dynamic offensive effort that negated all the Sharks' physical bluster, Anaheim became the third team to beat a Presidents' Trophy winner in the first round since 2000.

Anaheim plays defending champion Detroit in the next round.

Blackhawks 4, Flames 1

At Calgary, Alberta, the Chicago Blackhawks won their first playoff series in 13 years, beating

Calgary in Game 6 of their first-round Western Conference matchup. Chicago's previous playoff series win was a four-game sweep of Calgary in 1996. Patrick Kane had a goal and an assist for Chicago, with Adam Burish and Brian Campbell also scoring. Dustin Byfuglien added an empty-net goal and had two assists. Rookie Kris Versteeg, a Calder Trophy nominee, also contributed two assists.

Todd Bertuzzi scored the lone goal for the Flames, who managed just two goals in the final two games of the series. They were ousted in the first round for a fourth straight season. Nikolai Khabibulin played a stellar game in net for the Blackhawks with 43 saves. He robbed Calgary's Olli Jokinen on scoring chances in the first and second periods. Calgary's Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 12 shots in the loss.

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NBA Playoff

Bryant, Lakers close out Jazz with 107-96 win

Los Angeles Lakers forward Lamar Odom celebrates a basket against the Utah Jazz during the second half of an NBA basketball first-round playoff game in Los Angeles, Monday, April 27, 2009. The Lakers won 107-96.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers ran away from the Utah

Jazz on Monday, winning 107-96 to finish the opening-round series in five games.

Bryant scored 31 points and Lamar Odom had 26 points and 15 rebounds for the Lakers, who earned several days of rest before meeting the winner of the Portland-Houston series.

Paul Millsap led Utah with 16 points while Andrei Kirilenko and Deron Williams had 14 apiece.

Pau Gasol had 17 points and 11 rebounds, and Trevor Ariza 12 points for the Lakers.

Nuggets 121, Hornets 63

At New Orleans, Carmelo Anthony scored all of his 26 points in the first three quarters as Denver thoroughly dismantled New Orleans Hornets to take a commanding 3-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

The New Orleans Arena was

mostly empty by the end of the third quarter, when Denver led 89-50 on its way to matching the most lopsided victory in NBA playoff history. The

Minneapolis Lakers beat the St. Louis Hawks 133-75 in 1956.

Looking twice as quick as the Hornets on both ends of the court, the Nuggets stifled Hornets All-Star Chris Paul, whose four points and six assists amounted to one of the worst games of his career.

The Nuggets can close out the series at home in Game 5 on Wednesday night.

Hawks 81, Heat 71

At Miami, Zaza Pachulia had 12 points and 18 rebounds as Atlanta raced to a huge first-half lead and frustrated

Dwyane Wade endlessly in tying its first-round Eastern Conference playoff series against Miami at two games each.

Mike Bibby scored 15 points, Joe Johnson added 14 and Josh Smith 13 for the Hawks.

Wade scored 22 points, doing so on 9-for-26 shooting and wincing at times from a back injury.

It was Atlanta's first road postseason win in nearly 12 years, a stretch spanning 13 games. Now the series returns to Atlanta on Wednesday for Game 5, and all the Hawks need is to defend their home court twice to get a second-round shot against LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

AL Roundup

Bay hits 3-run HR as Red Sox win 11th straight

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jason Bay hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning to give the Boston Red Sox a 3-1 win over the Cleveland Indians on Monday for their 11th straight victory.

Bay fell behind 0-1 before hitting a fastball from Kerry Wood (0-1) into the left-field seats as Boston extended its longest winning streak since 2006.

Bay's third hit sent the Red Sox to another drama-filled win. They were coming off an emotional three-game sweep at Fenway Park over the rival New York Yankees, a series that began with Bay connecting for a two-run, two-out homer in the ninth off Mariano Rivera.

In his last four games, Bay has nine hits with two homers and nine RBIs.

Tigers 4, Yankees 2

At Detroit, Justin Verlander had a season-high nine strikeouts and Magglio Ordonez hit a two-run homer off CC Sabathia to lead Detroit over New York.

The Central Division-leading Tigers have won three straight, matching a season high.

New York has lost a season-high four in a row, equaling the most consecutive losses it had last season.

Verlander (1-2) pitched seven-plus scoreless innings, allowing seven hits and no walks and

resembled the rising star he was in his first two seasons, not the pitcher who struggled last year and in his first four starts this season.

Sabathia (1-2) gave up four runs on six hits in another lackluster performance.

Rangers 6, Orioles 4

At Baltimore, Michael Young homered and David Murphy broke a tie with a two-run single in the sixth inning as Texas rallied to beat Baltimore.

Matt Harrison (1-2) gave up four runs in the first two innings, then retired 16 straight batters before Robert Andino hit a two-out single in the seventh. The left-hander allowed seven hits in seven innings to earn his first win in four starts.

Texas trailed 4-0 after the second before coming back against starter Jeremy Guthrie and Matt

Albers (0-1). The Rangers took three of four from the Orioles to hand Baltimore its first home series loss.

Royals 7, Blue Jays 1

At Kansas City, Missouri, Brian Bannister gave up one hit over seven innings and Jose Guillen hit two homers to lead Kansas City over the Toronto.

The Blue Jays entered the game leading the majors in runs, batting average and slugging percentage, but Bannister limited them to Adam Lind's first-inning single. Bannister walked six, including five of the first 14 batters he faced.

Bannister (2-0) has allowed one run and five hits in 13 innings in winning his two starts since being recalled April 22 from Triple-A Omaha. He retired 13 of the last 14 Blue Jays he faced.

Guillen, who had his 12th

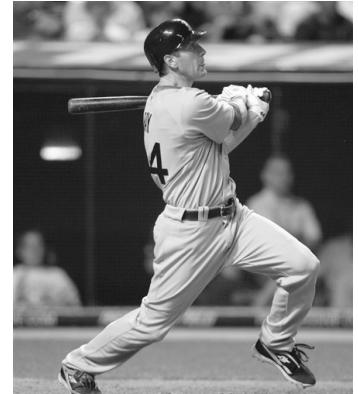
multihomer game, homered in the first with Willie Bloomquist aboard, and led off the fifth with his second of the season.

Rays 7, Twins 1

At Minneapolis, Jeff Niemann kept Minnesota guessing into the sixth inning and Carlos Pena hit his majors-leading ninth home run, lifting Tampa Bay to a victory.

Niemann (2-2) gave up just three hits and one run in 5 2-3 innings and the bullpen didn't allow a run the rest of the way for the defending AL champions, who are off to an identical start as last season (8-12) before they went on a stunning run to the World Series.

Joe Crede hit a solo home run in the sixth for the Twins, but that was all they could muster in their first look at the 6-foot-9 righty.



Boston Red Sox's Jason Bay hits a three-run home run off Cleveland Indians pitcher Kerry Wood in the ninth inning of a baseball game, Monday, April 27, 2009, in Cleveland. David Ortiz and Dustin Pedroia scored. The Red Sox won 3-1.

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In other AL games it was Detroit 4, N.Y. Yankees 2; Boston 3, Cleveland 1; Texas 6, Baltimore 4; Kansas City 7, Toronto 1; and Tampa Bay 7, Minnesota 1.

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NL Roundup

Santos' slam helps Mets beat skidding Marlins 7-1



New York Mets' David Wright (5), Gary Sheffield (10), Fernando Tatis (17) and Omir Santos (9) walk to the dugout after they scored on Santos' grand slam off Florida Marlins' Anibal Sanchez in the first inning of a baseball game Monday, April 27, 2009, in New York.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Omir Santos hit the first grand slam in Citi Field history as the New York Mets beat Florida 7-1 Monday to extend the Marlins' losing streak to seven games.

Santos' first-inning drive off Anibal Sanchez (1-2) went about four rows into the left-field seats and was just the sixth home run for the Mets at the pitcher-friendly ballpark, their first in six games since April 17. Daniel Murphy and David Wright tripled for New York, which has more three-base hits (seven) at its new ballpark than homers.

Overall, only 15 homers have been hit in 10 games at Citi Field, a stark contrast to the 26 that rocketed out of the new Yankee Stadium during the opening six-game homestand.

Cardinals 3, Braves 2

At Atlanta, Rick Ankiel drove in two runs for St. Louis to back another strong outing by Joel Pineiro, who equaled the best start of his career when the Cardinals edged Atlanta.

Ankiel had a pair of two-out, run-scoring singles, one in the second inning to push the Cardinals to a 2-0 lead and another in the seventh for a 3-1 edge.

Pineiro (4-0) went 6 2-3 innings, allowing seven hits and a pair of runs while walking none. He also won his first four decisions for Seattle in 2001.

Ryan Franklin worked the ninth for his sixth save in as many chances.

Astros 4, Reds 1

At Cincinnati, Lance Berkman hit his 20th homer at Great

American Ball Park, the most by any visiting player, and Hunter Pence hit a tiebreaking double in the ninth inning to lead Houston to a victory over Cincinnati.

Pence's two-run double off Francisco Cordero (0-1) broke a 1-all tie and sent the Astros to their 10th straight win at Great American Ball Park, a streak that started near the end of the 2007 season and is the longest in the majors.

Naturally, Berkman had a hand in it, hitting a solo homer in the sixth off Johnny Cueto. The opposite-field shot snapped his 0-for-16 slump and left him with more career homers (46) and RBIs (127) against Cincinnati than any other team.



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Latinoamérica refuerza medidas contra gripe porcina

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) - América Latina reforzó el martes medidas sanitarias para evitar el avance de la temida gripe porcina en la región, donde México sigue siendo el único país en padecerla y con muertes por la enfermedad, mientras que en Centroamérica habría un caso altamente sospechoso.

Muchas de las otras naciones latinoamericanas tienen personas a quienes le están haciendo los estudios pertinentes por síntomas gripales, pero no han sido confirmados casos, y siguen los estrictos controles en los puntos de entrada de viajeros procedentes de México y Estados Unidos.

Un brote de un tipo raro de gripe porcina, que en México habría ocasionado 149 muertes y cientos de infectados, ya se ha propagado a Estados Unidos y Canadá, en América, y en otros continentes a España, Gran Bretaña, Israel y Nueva Zelanda, lo que ha levantado temores sobre una pandemia.

En Centroamérica, un "caso altamente sospechoso" fue detectado en Costa Rica, una mujer de 21 años, el cual de ser confirmado sería el primero en esa región.

La ministra de Salud, María Luisa Avila, dijo que "es

un caso confirmado por los laboratorios nacionales", pero que como los centros de su país no disponen del patrón genético de la gripe porcina, los datos fueron enviados al Centro para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades en Atlanta, Estados Unidos, para su confirmación.

Los países de Centroamérica pidieron el martes apoyo internacional para conseguir antivirales y recursos financieros para enfrentar la posible propagación de la epidemia de gripe porcina que registra su vecino México.

Reunidos en Managua, los ministros de Salud de Centroamérica dijeron que redoblarán su vigilancia epidemiológica en aeropuertos y puertos marítimos.

SUSPENSION DE VUELOS

Cuba y Argentina fueron el martes los primeros países en suspender vuelos.

Cuba canceló los vuelos hacia y desde México durante dos días, mientras que Argentina suspendió la llegada de vuelos directos desde ese país, por cinco días, y decidió concentrar en el aeropuerto internacional de Ezeiza, para un mejor control, los vuelos salidos de México con escalas intermedias.



Una pareja se besa entre mascarillas quirúrgicas en el aeropuerto internacional de Cancún, México 27 abr 2009. América Latina reforzaba el martes medidas sanitarias para evitar el avance de la temida gripe porcina en la región, donde México sigue siendo el único país en padecerla y con muertes por la enfermedad, mientras que en Centroamérica habría un caso altamente sospechoso.

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Todos los países mantienen la revisión de personas en los aeropuertos y puertos marítimos.

"Se cumplirán las siguientes acciones (...) suspender temporalmente los vuelos hacia y desde Cuba a México, salvo casos excepcionales, en las próximas 48 horas", dijo un comunicado del Ministerio de Salud Pública de Cuba.

En tanto, el jefe de Gabinete de Argentina, Sergio Massa, dijo en conferencia de prensa:

"Se ha tomado la decisión de suspender hasta las cero horas del día lunes todos los vuelos provenientes del Distrito Federal de México".

En los aeropuertos de la región se está popularizando el uso de tapabocas, especialmente en empleados de aerolíneas

y pasajeros que llegan desde México o Estados Unidos.

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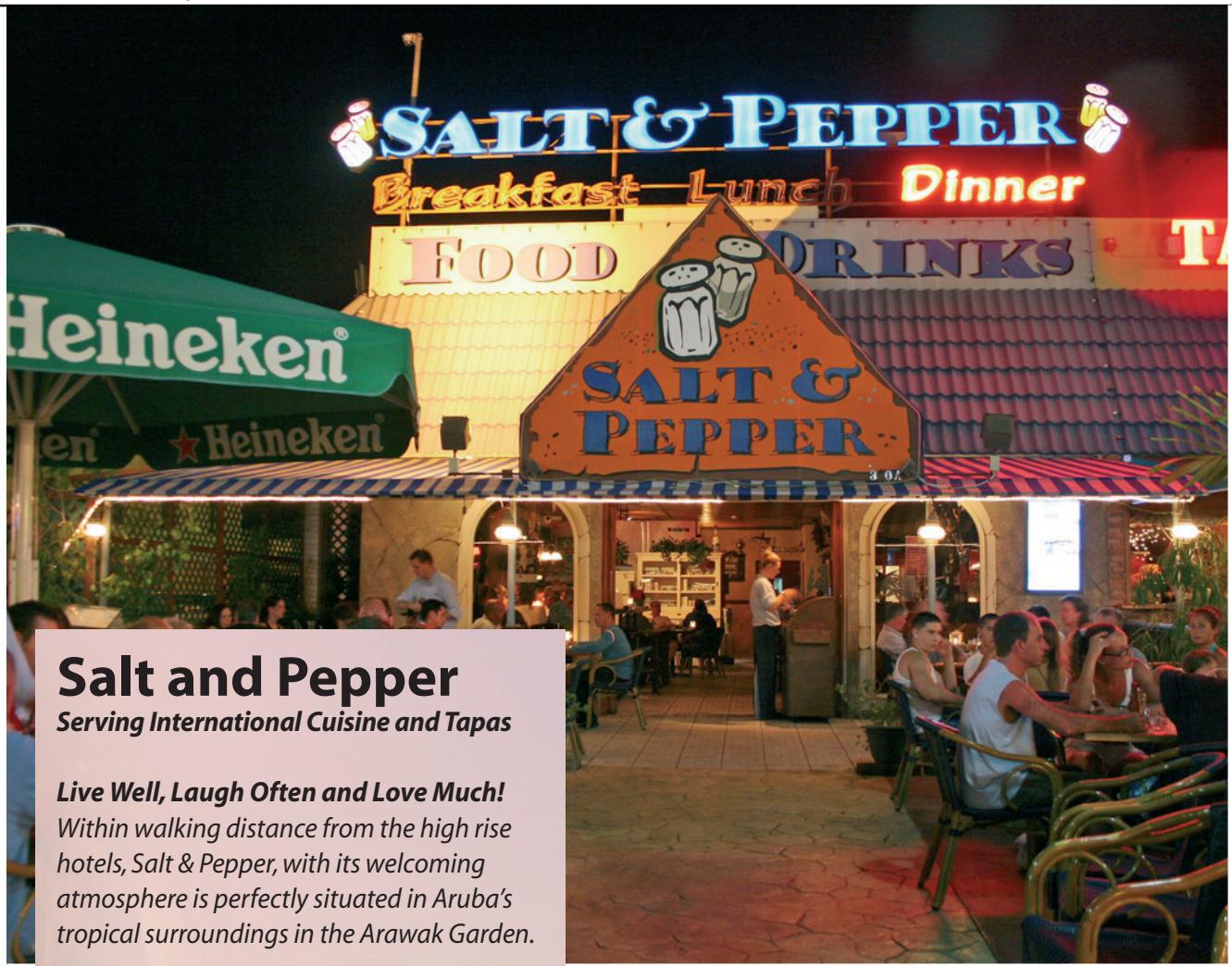
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